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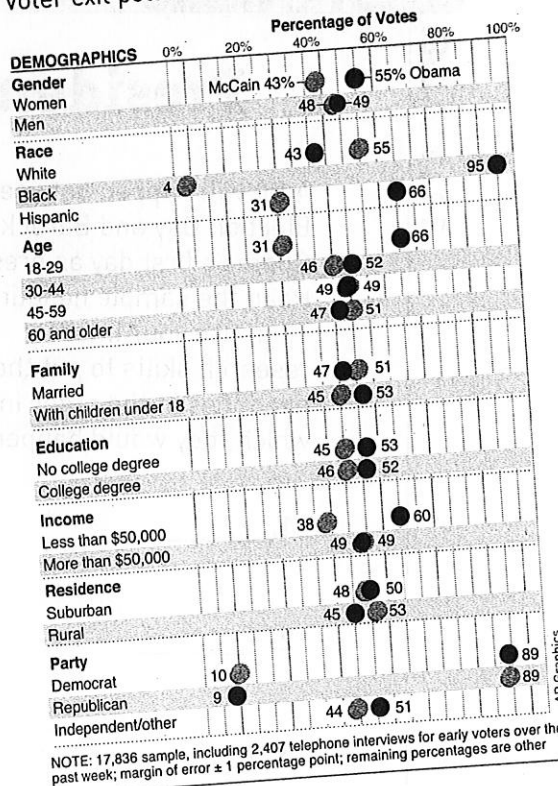
Analyze the Chart

Exit polls are interviews with voters who have just left the voting booths on Election Day. When the results of thousands of exit polls are put together, they create a picture of how the population voted. Study the chart. Then answer the questions.

1. In which age group did more voters favor John McCain rather than Barack Obama?
 (A) 18-29 (B) 30-44 (C) 60 and older
2. Which candidate was preferred by voters who are neither Republican nor Democrat?
 (A) Obama (B) McCain (C) Bob Barr
3. Which group was most likely to vote for McCain?
 (A) women (B) men (C) Republicans
4. In which group did the same percentage of voters choose Obama as chose McCain?
 (A) Hispanics (B) parents (C) ages 45-59
5. Parents with children under age 18 were more likely to choose which candidate?
 (A) McCain (B) Obama (C) Ralph Nader

WHO VOTED FOR WHOM?

Voter exit poll results from the 2008 election



Comprehension

Read this issue's cover story, "44."
Then answer the following questions.

1. What must President-elect Barack Obama do before he takes the oath of office on January 20 and becomes president?
 (A) campaign for Electoral College votes
 (B) choose the members of his Cabinet
 (C) decide who will be vice president
2. Why did civil rights leader Jesse Jackson have tears running down his face as Obama gave his presidential victory speech?
 (A) Jackson has fought for equal rights, and he was overwhelmed with emotion to see an African American elected president.
 (B) Jackson was Obama's running mate, and he was about to become vice president.
 (C) Jackson is currently the vice president, and he doesn't want to leave office.
3. What does "44" signify in referring to Obama?
 (A) Obama is 44 years old.
 (B) Obama will be the 44th U.S. president.
 (C) Obama won by 44 votes.
4. Which statement is an opinion?
 (A) Obama's daughters are Sasha and Malia.
 (B) McCain should have won the election.
 (C) Voters turned out in record numbers.
5. What is the main idea of the story?
 (A) Obama promised to buy his daughters a puppy when they move into the White House.
 (B) The economy will be Obama's number-one problem when he becomes president.
 (C) Obama was elected president on November 4 in an election that energized the nation.

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Presidential Headline Scramble

A lot will happen between Election Day and Barack Obama's first day as president. Read the sample headlines. Then use your Internet research skills to put the headlines in the order in which they would happen.

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**a. Obama Prepares for
Inauguration Tomorrow****b. George W. Bush: No Longer
The United States President****c. Obama Becomes President-Elect****d. Obama Delivers Inaugural
Address to the Nation****e. Electoral College Votes****f. Obama Gives Victory Speech to
Quarter Million Fans in Chicago****g. U.S. Voters Cast Their Ballots****h. Polls Open for Early Voting****i. Obama Takes Oath of Office****j. Senate President Officially
Tallies Electoral Votes**